GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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CONDITION OF N.H-31
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the condition of N.H.-31, the only road in Bihar connecting seven North-Eastern States with the rest of the country, is highly dilapidated between Barauni and Kishanganj;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the economy of the seven North-Eastern States is being adversely affected as a result thereof;

(d) if so, the funds allocated for construction/maintenance of the said stretch; and

(e) the name of the agency which is likely to be awarded the construction work of the said stretch and the likely dates of commencement/completion of the said work?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS(SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) & (b) The National Highway is being maintained in traffic worthy condition within the available resources. The road passing through Pasraha Zone and different stretches between Naugachhia - Purnea Section got damaged during last year`s floods. Repair works amounting to Rs.4.00 Crores were sanctioned by this Ministry during year 2004-05. Improvement works in an aggregate length of 70 kms has been sanctioned by the Ministry in Barauni- Purnea section. Four laning work in 43 Km length of Purnea - Kishanganj Section of NH-31 in Bihar is in progress as part of East-West Corridor under National Highways Development Project Phase-II being implemented by National Highways Authority of India.

(c) No such report has been received in this Ministry.

(d) No National Highway wise allocation is made.

(e) The construction works are awarded on basis of competitive bidding to lowest bidder. The improvement works in aggregate length of 70 kms in Barauni-Purnea section of NH-31 are at different stages of progress. In the 43 kms length of Purnea-Kishanganj section of NH-31 (in Bihar) the four-lanning work is targeted to be completed by April 2006.